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EVENT: Conviction

Defendant: John Roosevelt Miller

**DETROIT MAN CONVICTED ON FEDERAL NARCOTICS AND FIREARMS CHARGES IN
AN OPERATION TIDE CASE**

A federal jury that deliberated for more than two and a half hours convicted 25-year-old Detroit resident John Roosevelt Miller today on charges of possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking, announced United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy. Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Special Agent in Charge Valerie J. Goddard, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The three-day trial was conducted before United States District Court Judge Patrick J. Duggan.

According to the evidence presented at trial, on May 9, 2006, Detroit Police officers from the Narcotics Street Enforcement Unit were responding to complaints of narcotics trafficking around an abandoned home in the vicinity of Lindsay and Seven Mile Road in Detroit, when they encountered Miller, he was standing in front of the abandoned home at 2:00 p.m. Seeing

the approaching officers in their undercover van, Miller ran through several back yards and hopped several fences, while being pursued by a narcotics officer who was radioing the events of the chase to other officers, until he fell on the ground in a field on the next block of Gilchrist. As he vaulted his last fence and fell onto the ground, a loaded 9mm Bryco Jennings firearm fell from his waistband area. Miller got up and tossed a baggie containing 24 knotted wraps of cocaine base and 6 ziplocks of marijuana onto the ground. Miller then ran into the home of a Detroit resident, who was home napping, and barricaded the side door until officers forced entry and arrested him on the kitchen floor-much to the surprise of the now awakened home owner.

“Operation TIDE is an initiative started with funding provided through our office by Project Safe Neighborhoods: its overall intent is to stamp out drug trafficking and gun violence -- like that engaged in by defendant Miller in this case -- in the Northwest District of Detroit. Offenders who don't get the message and continue to terrorize our neighborhoods will continue to face most serious consequences,” stated U.S. Attorney Murphy. “We will not cease in our commitment to seeing results from Operation TIDE until armed, drug dealers like defendant Miller are out of business and neighborhoods in Northwest Detroit are safe for all residents.”

Special Agent in Charge, Valerie J. Goddard stated, "Working closely with our state and local partners, the Project Safe Neighborhoods Operation Tide initiative will make our neighborhoods safer by keeping armed, drug dealers off our streets. ATF is proud to be a partner in this important initiative."

The case was the result of multi-agency cooperation between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Detroit Police Department Narcotics Street Enforcement Unit. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Terrence R. Haugabook.

Mr. Miller's bond was continued until his sentencing date is set. Under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which will be determined by the Court at sentencing, Miller faces approximately 130-147 months imprisonment.